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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 9, 2002, please amend the application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Delete paragraph 0005, and add, as follows:

B1 [0005] On coupling the rotating shaft 1 to the permanent magnet 3, a pair of left and right cushioning members 4 and 5 made of rubber is fitted in from the opposite sides respectively along the axial direction of the rotating shaft 1 in such a manner that they sandwich the rotational support 2 from both sides and that they enter between the rotational support 2 and the permanent magnet 3.

Delete paragraphs 0009 and 0010, and add, as follows:

B2 [0009] More specifically, in order to make a contact area between the rotating shaft 1 and the cushioning members 4, 5 larger, and to strongly couple them, it is necessary to fix the rotational support 2 to the rotating shaft 1. Also, in order to prevent the permanent magnet 3 from inclining and decentering, two cushioning members 4 and 5 having the left-right symmetrical shape are required, and in